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Dear Boris:

I rented a typewriter only to discover that there are numerous differences in the keyboard between American and French machines, so please forgive the messiness of this letter.

Things are well with us. The local physician who treated me for high blood-pressure got it down pretty well but on his last Thursday's visit found that it was up again a bit, so he is having me take two Endex tablets a day instead of just one. As for my arthritis, just now it is a little bothersome but not too much. The doctor highly recommends the mud baths at Acqui Terme, a ~~one~~ 2-week course, not a 3-week, as you suggested. I have written to the best place there but have not as yet had a reply as to cost of room, etc.

The apartment continues to be lovely and attractive, all is well except the floor in the entrance hall. I have called attention to the buckling of the floor but nothing is done about it. The man who laid the floor came at a time when it was not very bad; he said that it was his professional opinion that it would be best to do nothing. I had M. Lebeau look at it and he promised to do something but nothing has been done. I think Carole has tried, too, but there is no action. At present it is hard to enter or leave the apartment because the foolish floor insists upon rising just below the door, among other places. The floor is getting a rather deep scratch there but it cannot be helped until they do something. I think that there is a lot of tapped air under the floor, and as it expands or contracts the floor reacts accordingly, so that in walking on it one feels as though one were on a rough sea voyage. I just hope that whatever is wrong will soon right itself (as the professional thinks) or that something will be done about it soon in order to prevent more scoring of the floor under the main door.

We were much pleased to receive your letter of 13 June, written just before you left for Sweden. I think it is now a little too late to plan on going to Acqui Terme for the mud packs, because the place gets awfully crowded in July and August, and my arthritis isn't bad enough to warrant going during those two months. Besides, we have agreed to come to visit Annie and you at Sandhamn during July. Please don't worry about what you think are cramped sleeping quarters for us.

Once or twice in our travels E and I slept together in a ~~small~~ little train compartment, so to have two lowers, one for each of us, will be fine; and we are looking forward to the visit. As to the exact time give us a clue to your own good wishes in this regard. We shall perhaps need a few days notice in order to get airplane spaces and I also imagine that since the boat leaves at 10 in the morning we shall have to spend the previous night at a hotel in Stockholm, and at this time of the year hotel accommodations may be scarce. We should like you to make the hotel reservation and coordinate that with our airplane trip. We plan now to go to Nice on Monday to see the American Express and also make our reservations for the plane and maybe also for the hotel. I shall write you another letter just as soon as I find out what the air space availability is. Perhaps we should take that as the basis for our trip, as I imagine that the second or third week in July would suit you and Annie. If we should find that we can have space on SAS for some day in the second week in July perhaps we should take that. Also, then, if American Express can make a hotel reservation for us the night of our arrival in Stockholm, then I shall not have to trouble you in re hotel reservations. I shall let you know as soon as I can. If necessary I could even telephone you at Sundviken before you leave for Sandhamn.

I think having a tape recorder and several reels of tape will be very helpful. Maybe a good idea would be for you to practice a bit beforehand.

Please don't do what you threatened to do, namely, arrange for a proper reception, as you say. What is your idea? Have the local band and firemen meet us at the dock? We seek peace and quiet, you know.

I checked the carbon copy of my letter of 9 June and found that I said: "I have ~~marked~~ looked over again the brochures on CX 1, CX 52 & the third one. I still hold the same opinion." By this I merely meant that the comments I made orally to you and Sture I think were still valid. I still think so, but maybe I will change my opinion after our talks, to which I am looking forward with much pleasure.

There are a few minor things I might add to this letter but it is already too long, and they can wait until we are together.

With affectionate greetings, and until about ~~XXXXXX~~ the second week in July,

Sincerely,